# **EXHIBIT A**

MID-L-000930-19 01/28/2019 9:33:50 AM Pg 1 of 7 Trans ID: LCV2019166373

Alex S. Capozzi, Esq. - 099672014 BRACH EICHLER LLC 101 Eisenhower Parkway Roseland, NJ 07068 Phone: 973-364-5212 Fax: 973-618-5584 Attorneys for Plaintiff

DEBORAH NAGY and ROGER NAGY, h/w,

DOCKET NO. MID-L-

Plaintiff,

VS.

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE OF FLORIDA, LLC., TORTOISE & HARE LLC, C/O OUTBACK FL., JOHN DOES 1-5, ABC CORPORATIONS 1-5, JOHN DOE PROPERTY OWNERS 1-5, JOHN DOE LESSEES 1-5, JOHN DOE MAINTENANCE COMPANIES 1-5, (fictitious designations), Civil Action

COMPLAINT, CERT. PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1; DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL; DESIGN. OF TRIAL COUNSEL; STATEMENT OF DAMAGES PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-2

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Defendants.

Plaintiffs, DEBORAH NAGY and ROGER NAGY, by way of their Complaint against Defendants, states as follows:

MID-L-000930-19 01/28/2019 9:33:50 AM Pg 2 of 7 Trans ID: LCV2019166373

#### I. NEGLIGENCE

- At all times material hereto, Plaintiffs, DEBORAH NAGY and ROGER NAGY, resided at 135
   Clifford St., South Plainfield, New Jersey.
- At all times material hereto, Defendant, OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE, was a restaurant authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey with a location at 98 US-22 W., Green Brook Township, New Jersey.
- At all times material hereto, Defendant, OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE OF FLORIDA, LLC.,
  was a company authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey with a principal
  place of business at 2202 N. W. Shore Blvd., Suite 5000, Tampa, Florida.
- At all times material hereto, Defendant, TORTOISE & HARE LLC, C/O OUTBACK FL., was
  a company authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey with a principal place of
  business at 2202 N. W. Shore Blvd., 4th Floor, Tampa, Florida.
- At all times material hereto, Defendant, TORTOISE & HARE LLC, C/O OUTBACK FL was
  the owner and/or otherwise in custody and control of the premises located at 98 US-22 W.,
  Green Brook Township, New Jersey.
- 6. At all times material hereto, Defendants, JOHN DOES 1-5; were and/or are fictitiously named individuals, the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of said Defendants being presently unknown. Said Defendants were the owners and/or otherwise in custody and control of the property and premises, which caused Plaintiff to sustain injuries. The Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this complaint upon obtaining knowledge of the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of the Defendants represented herein as JOHN DOES 1-5.
- 7. At all times material hereto, Defendants, ABC CORPORATIONS 1-5; were and/or are fictitiously named partnerships, professional associations and/or professional corporations (hereinafter "partnerships") which exist under the laws of the State of New Jersey, the identity,

MID-L-000930-19 01/28/2019 9:33:50 AM Pg 3 of 7 Trans ID: LCV2019166373

addresses and culpable conduct of said Defendants being presently unknown. Said Defendants were the owners and/or otherwise in custody and control of the property and premise, which caused Plaintiff to sustain injuries. The Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this complaint upon obtaining knowledge of the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of the defendants represented herein as ABC CORPORATIONS 1-5.

- 8. At all times material hereto, Defendants, JOHN DOE PROPERTY OWNERS 1-5; were and/or are fictitiously named homeowners, the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of said Defendants being presently unknown. Said Defendants were the owners and/or otherwise in custody and control of the property and premises, which caused Plaintiff to sustain injuries. The Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this complaint upon obtaining knowledge of the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of the defendants represented herein as JOHN DOE PROPERTY OWNERS 1-5.
- 9. At all times material hereto, Defendants, JOHN DOE LESSEES 1-5; were and/or are fictitiously named homeowners, the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of said Defendants being presently unknown. Said Defendants were the owners and/or otherwise in custody and control of the property and premises, which caused Plaintiff to sustain injuries. The Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this complaint upon obtaining knowledge of the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of the defendants represented herein as JOHN DOE LESSEES 1-5.
- 10. At all times material hereto, Defendants, JOHN DOE MAINTENANCE COMPANIES 1-5; were and/or are fictitiously named maintenance companies, the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of said Defendants being presently unknown. Said Defendants were responsible for the maintenance and/or servicing of the premises in the custody and control of the defendants, which caused Plaintiff to sustain injuries. The Plaintiff reserves the right to

MID-L-000930-19 01/28/2019 9:33:50 AM Pg 4 of 7 Trans ID: LCV2019166373

amend this complaint upon obtaining knowledge of the identity, addresses and culpable conduct of the defendants represented herein as JOHN DOE MAINTENANCE COMPANIES 1-5.

- 11. All Defendants acted by and through their respective agents, servants, employees, officers, directors or others, actual and/or apparent, any and all of which were then and there acting within the course and scope of their employment, duties or agency, actual and/or apparent.
- 12. On or about October 18, 2018, Defendants were the owners or were otherwise in custody and control of the property and premises located at 98 US-22 W., Green Brook Township, New Jersey.
- 13. At the above time and place, Plaintiff, DEBORAH NAGY, was a business invitee, and/or a social invitee, and/or licensee of the Defendants, or either of them, or a pedestrian lawfully upon the property and premises aforementioned.
- 14. At the same time and place, Plaintiff, DEBORAH NAGY, was caused to be injured, due to a dangerous and hazardous condition on the premises.
- 15. At the above time and place, Defendants individually and/or through certain mutual arrangements and/or agreements, as well as through the acts and/or omissions of their agents, servants, and/or employees, were responsible for the inspection, maintenance, repair, supervision, supervision of repair, and upkeep of the property and premises aforesaid.
- 16. At the above time and place, Defendants, were further responsible for the maintenance, construction, remodeling and/or repair and inspection of the aforementioned property and premises.
- 17. Said dangerous and hazardous condition was caused, created and/or allowed to exist on the property and premises aforementioned due to the carelessness and negligence of Defendants, and that Defendants were further careless and negligent in failing to remedy, properly inspect,

MID-L-000930-19 01/28/2019 9:33:50 AM Pg 5 of 7 Trans ID: LCV2019166373

repair and/or warn of same.

18. That as a result of the carelessness and negligence of the Defendants as aforesaid, Plaintiff, was caused to suffer and sustain severe permanent injuries, both temporary and permanent in nature, permanent consequential limitations of use of body organs and members, suffered significant limitations of use of body functions or systems, has in the past and will in the future be caused to suffer severe pain, anguish and emotional distress, has in the past and will in the future be incapacitated, limited and restricted in her normal activities and occupations, and has in the past and will in the future be caused to expend substantial sums of money for medical treatment in an effort to relieve her pain and cure his injuries.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, DEBORAH NAGY, demands judgment for damages against Defendants, jointly, severally or in the alternative, for money damages, together with interest and costs of suit and attorney's fees.

# II. LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

- 19. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges all prior allegations as if fully set forth herein.
- 20. At the time and place aforesaid, Plaintiff, ROGER NAGY, was the spouse of DEBORAH NAGY and was entitled to the services, comfort, consortium and society of his wife.
- 21. As a result of Defendants' negligence, Plaintiff, ROGER NAGY, was deprived of the services, comfort and society of his wife, and was rendered obligated for her debts.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, ROGER NAGY, demands judgment against the Defendants on this Count jointly, severally, or in the alternative, for damages, together with interest, costs of suit and attorney's fees.

# Case 3:19-cv-18277-RK-DEA Document 1-3 Filed 09/24/19 Page 7 of 10 PageID: 13

MID-L-000930-19 01/28/2019 9:33:50 AM Pg 6 of 7 Trans ID: LCV2019166373

BRACH EICHLER LLC

Lo

By:

Alex S. Capozzi, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff

Dated: January 21, 2019

MID-L-000930-19 01/28/2019 9:33:50 AM Pg 7 of 7 Trans ID: LCV2019166373

# DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues.

# **DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL**

Pursuant to R. 4:25-4, Alex S. Capozzi, Esquire, is hereby designated as trial counsel on behalf of Plaintiff.

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4;5-1

I, Alex S. Capozzi, Esquire, hereby certify that the facts contained in the within matter are not the subject of any other action pending in any other court or of a pending arbitration proceeding to the best of my knowledge or belief. Further, other than the parties set forth in this pleading, I know of no other parties that should be joined in the above action. I also certify that the facts contained in the within matter are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any of the statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

#### STATEMENT OF DAMAGES CLAIMED PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-2

Plaintiff requests damages in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) with regard to the above-captioned case.

BRACH EICHLER LLC

Ly

By:

Alex S. Capozzi, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff

Dated: January 21, 2019

MID-L-000930-19 01/28/2019 9:33:50 AM Pg 1 of 1 Trans ID: LCV2019166373

# Civil Case Information Statement

Case Details: MIDDLESEX | Civil Part Docket# L-000930-19

Case Caption: NAGY DEBORAH VS OUTBACK

STEAKHOUSE

Case Initiation Date: 01/28/2019
Attorney Name: ALEX S CAPOZZI
Firm Name: BRACH EICHLER LLC
Address: 101 EISENHOWER PWY

ROSELAND NJ 07068

Phone

Name of Party: PLAINTIFF: NAGY, DEBORAH
Name of Defendant's Primary Insurance Company

(if known): GALLAGHER BASSETT

Case Type: PERSONAL INJURY

Document Type: Complaint with Jury Demand

Jury Demand: YES - 6 JURORS
Hurricane Sandy related? NO

Is this a professional malpractice case? NO

Related cases pending: NO If yes, list docket numbers:

Do you anticipate adding any parties (arising out of same

transaction or occurrence)? NO

# THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM CANNOT BE INTRODUCED INTO EVIDENCE CASE CHARACTERISTICS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF CASE IS APPROPRIATE FOR MEDIATION

Do parties have a current, past, or recurrent relationship? NO

If yes, is that relationship:

Does the statute governing this case provide for payment of fees by the losing party? NO

Use this space to alert the court to any special case characteristics that may warrant individual management or accelerated disposition:

Do you or your client need any disability accommodations? NO If yes, please identify the requested accommodation:

Will an interpreter be needed? NO If yes, for what language:

I certify that confidential personal identifiers have been redacted from documents now submitted to the court, and will be redacted from all documents submitted in the future in accordance with *Rule* 1:38-7(b)

01/28/2019 Dated

/s/ ALEX S CAPOZZI Signed

# NJ SUPERIOR COURT LAWYER REFERRAL AND LEGAL SERVICE LIST

#### ATLANTIC COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Division, Direct Filing 1201 Bacharach Blvd., 1st Fl. Atlantic City, NJ 08401 LAWYER REFERRAL (609) 345-3444 LEGAL SERVICES (609) 348-4200

#### BERGEN COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Division, Room 115 Justice Center, 10 Main St Hackensack, NJ 07601 LAWYER REFERRAL (201)488-0044 LEGAL SERVICES (201) 487-2166

#### BURLINGTON COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Central Processing Office Attn: Judicial Intake First Fl., Courts Facility 49 Rancocas Road Mt. Holly, NJ 08060 LAWYER REFERRAL (609) 261-4862 LEGAL SERVICES (609) 261-1088

#### CAMDEN COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Processing Office Hall of Justice 1st FI, Suite 150 101 South 5th Street Camden, NJ 08103 LAWYER REFERRAL (856) 482-0618 LEGAL SERVICES (856) 964-2010

# CAPE MAY COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court 9 N. Main Street Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 LAWYER REFERRAL (609) 463-0313 LEGAL SERVICES (609) 465-3001

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Case Management Office 60 West Broad Street P. O. Box 10 Bridgeton, NJ 08302 LAWYER REFERRAL (856) 696-5550 LEGAL SERVICES (856) 691-0494

#### ESSEX COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Customer Service Hall of Records, Room 201 465 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Newark, NJ 07102 LAWYER REFERRAL (973) 622-6204 LEGAL SERVICES (973) 624-4500

#### GLOUCESTER COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Case Management Office. Attn: Intake, First Fl., Court House 1 North Broad Street Woodbury, NJ 08096 LAWYER REFERRAL (856) 848-4589 LEGAL SERVICES (856) 848-5360

#### **HUDSON COUNTY:**

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Records Dept Brennan Court House, 1st Floor 583 Newark Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306 LAWYER REFERRAL (201) 798-2727 LEGAL SERVICES (201) 792-6363

#### HUNTERDON COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Division 65 Park Avenue Flemington, NJ 08822 LAWYER REFERRAL (908) 236-6109 LEGAL SERVICES (908) 782-7979

#### MERCER COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Local Filing Office, Courthouse 175 S. Broad Street P O Box 8068 Trenton, NJ 08650 LAWYER REFERRAL (609) 585-6200 LEGAL SERVICES (609) 695-6249

# MIDDLESEX COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Middlesex Vicinage Second Floor, Tower 56 Paterson Street P O Box 2633 New Brunswick, NJ 08903-2633 LAWYER REFERRAL (732) 828-0053 LEGAL SERVICES (732) 249-7600

### MONMOUTH COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Court House P.O. Box 1269 Freehold, NJ 07728-1269 LAWYER REFERRAL (732) 431-5544 I FGAL SERVICES (732) 866-0020

#### MORRIS COUNTY:

Morris County Courthouse Civil Division Washington & Court Streets P. O. Box 910 Morristown, NJ 07963-0910 LAWYER REFERRAL (973) 267-5882 LEGAL SERVICES (973) 285-6911

# OCEAN COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Court House, Room 121 118 Washington Street P.O. Box 2191 Toms River, NJ 08754-2191 LAWYER REFERRAL (732) 240-3666 LEGAL SERVICES (732) 341-2727

# PASSAIC COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Division - Court House 77 Hamilton Street Paterson, NJ 07505 LAWYER REFERRAL (973) 278-9223 LEGAL SERVICES (973) 523-2900

### SALEM COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Attn: Civil Case Management Office 92 Market Street Salem, NJ 08079 LAWYER REFERRAL (856) 935-5629 LEGAL SERVICES (856) 691-0494

#### SOMERSET COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Division Office 40 North Bridge Street P. O. Box 3000 Somerville, NJ 08876 LAWYER REFERRAL (908) 685-2323 LEGAL SERVICES (908) 231-0840

#### SUSSEX COUNTY: Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Sussex County Judicial Center 43-47 High Street Newton, NJ 07860 LAWYER REFERRAL (973) 267-5882 LEGAL SERVICES (973) 383-7400

#### UNION COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court 1st Floor, Court House 2 Broad Street Elizabeth, NJ 07207-6073 LAWYER REFERRAL (908) 353-4715 LEGAL SERVICES (908) 354-4340

# WARREN COUNTY:

Deputy Clerk, Superior Court Civil Division, Court House 413 Second Street Belvidere, NJ 07823-LAWYER REFERRAL (908) 859-4300 LEGAL SERVICES (908) 475-2010